



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2008

**Meeting Location:** Dubois County DCS Office

**Council Members Present:** Susan Lesko, Lisa Bowles, Leslie Rowland, Georgann Gogel, Bonita Mattingly, David Galloway, Connie Branch

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Weikert, Amy Smith

**Others In Attendance:** Carmen Young, Barb Tilly, Christine Hasenour, Victoria Painter, Natalie Kassenbrock, Herbert Gordon, Jon Kuss, Ann Hecht

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** Regional Manager Lesko called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. Motion was made by RM that minutes from the previous meeting be approved as read. David Galloway approved and Lisa Bowles 2nd the motion.

RM informed the council we will be expanding our membership. We will be adding a prosecutor and another DCS supervisor. They want a youth that is at least 16 years old but less than 25 years of age who has received or is receiving services thru funds provided either directly or indirectly thru our council. Person will serve in a non voting capacity. There is also an option for us if we have a parent involved with a child currently receiving services that might be an asset to serve on our council and again they would serve in a non voting capacity. We will be adding another licensed foster parent. These changes go into effect statutorily 7-1-08 but implementation may not be until 1-1-09.

There will be a new Judge January 09 in Spencer County. RM will be going to Spencer County to meet their new judge and plans on meeting judges in Daviess and Perry counties to see if they have an interest in serving on the council. RM stated there is still no interest from the Orange and Crawford counties judges to attend our meetings.

Council was informed we are to start being more formal in our meeting. We will be using Roberts Rules of order as the guide.

Any request for funding will go before this council with our budgets going to the state. Our responsibilities will be expanding in September. The RSC members will be attending a training to talk about changes. RM said one big change is every 2 years we do a child protection plan. In the future the RSC will be responsible for developing a plan that includes the child protection plan and elements from the early intervention plans. More information will be forthcoming.

RM informed the council there will be added responsibilities to the council in the next couple of years.

The council talked about having a provider fair in our region so staff can go out and see what's available and who offers what. Region 15 recently held a fair. Carmen Young attended the fair and stated it was wonderful. Approx. 150 people attended.

## 2: Approval of IV-B Providers and Services:

RM informed guests at the meeting that besides request for child welfare funds for prevention of child abuse or child neglect this council is also charged with approving the providers and the services that we've requested for our 4-B federal funding. This is a 2 year period and will go until 2011. The state has developed service standards and we cannot contract with any services other than those that meet the service standards that have been developed by the state. We will have contracts that are state standardized contracts in a lot of areas. RM informed the council that future service standards are being developed such as drug testing.

RM had each director inform the council which providers they picked and why. (Handout provided)

RM asked council for motion to approve or disapprove the selection of service providers for each county. Bonita Mattingly made a motion to approve and Leslie Rowland seconded the motion. All approved.

3: Natalie Kassenbrock with IHB gave a summary of the referrals for the month of April 2008. As of April 30, 2008 a total of 106 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of April, a total of 37 new referrals were made for consideration and 35 were serviced. (2 families failed to engage in services). Thirteen referrals have been assigned for assessment.

Of the referrals, seven came from Crawford County, six came from Daviess County, six came from Dubois County, three came from Martin County, one came from Orange County, three came from Perry County, and eleven came from Spencer County.

Natalie stated Ireland contacted all schools before the school year ended to let them know what services they provide and that IL would need all referrals before school lets out.

Natalie informed the council that IL will once again have a booth set up at the 4-H fair this summer for added advertising. Council agreed to this.

All 7 counties had people attend the parenting classes. Martha Lopez approached Natalie re having an interpreter present for the parenting classes which she feels there is a need in Dubois, Spencer and Daviess counties. Ms. Lopez stated that Sister Mary Judith would be happy to interpret.

Natalie asked the council if council feels that separate classes should be held for the Hispanic population? Council decided that Dubois and Spencer county classes could be held together at the Guadalupe Center. Daviess county classes would be held separate.

4: Request for Funds: John Kuss with Hoosier Hills Pact is requesting \$4,000.00 for their Behavioral Monitoring & Reinforcement Program; \$4,000.00 for their LifeSkills Training and \$4,000.00 for their Home Based Services/Intensive Case Management Program. John stated that all 3 programs are for every middle school age student in Orange county. He requested a total of \$5,000.00 for Crawford County which is for the same 3 programs they offer in Orange County.

RM asked for a motion. Melinda Berry made motion to approve and Georgann Gogel seconded the motion.

Christine Hasenour with the Tri County YMCA made a request of \$9,500.00 to help fund their Summer Day Camp program. The project will run for approximately 11 weeks in the summer of 2008, starting after school is out, at the end of May, and running through the middle of August, right before school begins again in the fall. The money would be used to help fund scholarships at the camp. David Galloway made motion to approve and Connie Branch seconded the motion. Council approved.

Christine stated that their fees are \$55.00 week if you are a member of the YMCA and \$75.00 week for non-members. They do use a sliding scale for low income families (the same as schools use for free lunch programs).

Constance Branch, director in Spencer County requested \$1,500.00 for their State Police camp. This camp will help students gain respect for themselves and others through programs which demonstrate the rewards of hard work and dedication. This is a 3 day camp from June 18<sup>th</sup> thru June 20<sup>th</sup> and is for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Bonita Mattingly made motion to approve with Lisa Bowles seconding the motion. Council approved.

Constance Branch also requested \$2,250.00 on behalf of the Community Youth Camp for Perry and Spencer Counties for kids between the ages of 8-15. The camp runs from June 8<sup>th</sup> thru June 13<sup>th</sup> for kids ages 8-11 and from July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup> for kids 13-18. Director Branch stated that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for this program and it has been very successful. Lisa Bowles made a motion to approve and Leslie Rowland seconded the motion. Council approved.

Georgann Gogel made request for up to \$1,000.00 for the camp run by their police department for youth in grades 6 thru 9 which runs in June. Constance Branch made a motion to approve and Herbert Gordon seconded. Council approved.

#### 5: Practice Model:

Regional Manager Lesko stated that FCM's are still being trained. CFTM were increasing throughout the region. We hope to have everyone in the region trained by July 1, 2008.

Darlene McBride (FCM supervisor in Orange County) has agreed to assume the duties of the practice consultant for the region. We are very fortunate to have Darlene in this capacity, she will do an excellent job for the region.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. Eastern time and 7:00 Central time. The meeting will be held at the Dubois County DCS. 611 Bartley St., Jasper, IN

**Meeting Adjourned at:** Constance Branch made motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

